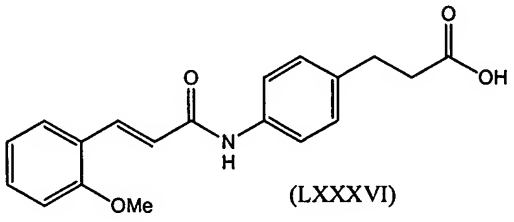
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims so that they read as follows:

Claims 1-29 (Canceled).

30. (Currently Amended) The compound



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and salts thereof.

31. (Canceled).

32. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising

(a) an active agent; and

(b) the compound of claim 30.

33. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 32, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of a pharmacologic agent and a therapeutic active agent.

34. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 32, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of a biologically active agent and a chemically active agent.

35. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 34, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of a peptide, a polysaccharide, a mucopolysaccharide, a carbohydrate, a lipid, a pesticide, and any combination thereof.

36. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 35, wherein said active agent comprises a peptide.

37. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 35, wherein said active agent comprises a polysaccharide.

38. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 35, wherein said active agent comprises a mixture of mucopolysaccharides.

39. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 34, wherein said biologically active agent is a hormone.

40. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 38, wherein said mixture of mucopolysaccharides comprises heparin.

41. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 34, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormones; bovine growth hormones; growth releasing hormones; growth hormone-releasing hormones; interferons; interleukin-I; interleukin-II; insulin; heparin, calcitonin; erythropoietin; atrial naturetic factor; antigens; monoclonal antibodies; somatostatin; adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone; oxytocin; vasopressin; cromolyn sodium; vancomycin; desferrioxamine (DFO); parathyroid hormone, anti-microbials, or any combination thereof.

42. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent comprises insulin.

43. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent comprises heparin.

44. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 43, wherein said heparin comprises low molecular weight heparin.

45. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent comprises calcitonin.

46. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent comprises human growth hormone.

47. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent comprises parathyroid hormone.

48. (Previously Presented) A dosage unit form comprising a composition as defined in claim 32; and

(a) an excipient
(b) a diluent,
(c) a disintegrant,
(d) a lubricant,
(e) a plasticizer,
(f) a colorant,
(g) a dosing vehicle, or
(h) any combination thereof.

49. (Previously Presented) A dosage unit form according to claim 48, comprising a tablet, a capsule, or a liquid.

50. (Previously Presented) A dosage unit form according to claim 49, consisting of a tablet.

51. (Previously Presented) A dosage unit form according to claim 49, consisting of a capsule.

52. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 48, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of a biologically active agent and a chemically active agent.

53. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 52, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of a peptide, a

polysaccharide, a mucopolysaccharide, a carbohydrate, a lipid, a pesticide, and any combination thereof.

54. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 53, wherein said biologically active agent comprises a polysaccharide.

55. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 53, wherein said biologically active agent comprises a peptide.

56. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 53, wherein said biologically active agent comprises a mixture of mucopolysaccharides.

57. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 56, wherein said mixture of mucopolysaccharides comprises heparin.

58. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 52, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormones; bovine growth hormones; growth releasing hormones; growth hormone-releasing hormones; interferons; interleukin-I; interleukin-II; insulin; heparin, calcitonin; erythropoietin; atrial naturetic factor; antigens; monoclonal antibodies; somatostatin; adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone; oxytocin; vasopressin; cromolyn sodium; vancomycin; desferrioxamine (DFO); parathyroid hormone, anti-microbials, or any combination thereof.

59. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 58, wherein said biologically active agent comprises heparin.

60. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 59, wherein said heparin comprises low molecular weight heparin.

61. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 58, wherein said biologically active agent comprises insulin.

62. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 58, wherein said biologically active agent comprises parathyroid hormones.

63. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 58, wherein said biologically active agent comprises calcitonin.

64. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 58, wherein said biologically active agent comprises human growth hormone.

65. (Previously Presented) A method for preparing a composition, said method comprising mixing:

(a) at least one biologically active agent;

(b) at least one compound as defined in claim 30; and

(c) optionally a dosing vehicle.

66. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 65, wherein said biologically active agent comprises a peptide.

67. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 65, wherein said biologically active agent comprises polysaccharide.

68. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 65, wherein said polysaccharide comprises a mixture of muco-polysaccharides.

69. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormones; bovine growth hormones; growth releasing hormones; growth hormone-releasing hormones; interferons; interleukin-I; interleukin-II; insulin; heparin, calcitonin; erythropoietin; atrial naturetic factor; antigens; monoclonal antibodies; somatostatin; adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone; oxytocin; vasopressin; cromolyn sodium; vancomycin;

desferrioxamine (DFO); parathyroid hormone, anti-microbials, or any combination thereof.

70. (Previously Presented) A method of administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering to said animal a composition as defined in claim 32.

71. (Previously Presented) A method for administering a biologically-active agent as defined in claim 70, wherein said administration is oral.

72. (Previously Presented) A method for administering a biologically-active agent as defined in claim 70, wherein said animal is a mammal.

73. (Previously Presented) A method for administering a biologically-active agent as defined in claim 72, wherein said mammal is a human.

74. (Previously Presented) A method for administering a biologically-active agent as defined in claim 70, wherein said composition is a solid.

75. (Previously Presented) A method for administering a biologically-active agent as defined in claim 74, wherein said composition is a tablet or capsule.

76. (Previously Presented) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 36.

77. (Previously Presented) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 38.

78. (Previously Presented) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 40.

79. (Previously Presented) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 42.

80. (Previously Presented) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 43.

81. (Previously Presented) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 44.

82. (Previously Presented) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 45.

83. (Previously Presented) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 46.

84. (Previously Presented) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 47.